

***Regular Meeting***  
***Recreation Commission***  
***Borough of Rumson***

May 15, 2019

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:12PM.**

Present: Commissioners; Mike Cecil; Margot O'Connor; Dorothy Whitehouse; Adam Cavise; and Jon Levine.

Kevin Delia, Recreation Director; Rob Swikart, Borough Council Member.

Not Present; Kerry Chandler; and Laura Atwell, Borough Council President

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

- The minutes from the April 17<sup>th</sup> Recreation Commission meeting were presented. Motion to accept the minutes as written were approved by Margot O'Connor and seconded by Dorothy Whitehouse. All in favor.
- The minutes from the April 30<sup>th</sup> Recreation Commission meeting were presented. Motion to accept the minutes as written were approved by Mike Cecil and seconded by Dorothy Whitehouse. All in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**GENERAL INFORMATION FROM DIRECTOR**

- The treasures report for March was provided by Helen Graves, Borough of Rumson CFO to the Recreation Commission.
- Kevin Delia asked the Recreation Commissioner to approve a change in the monthly meeting schedule. He asked that the August meeting be moved to July to help alleviate the August meeting schedule and to allow time for the Recreation Commissioners to have input in fall programming. Mike Cecil made a motion to move to have a meeting in July and take August off. Adam Cavise seconded that motion. All in favor.
- Kevin Delia updated the Recreation Commissioners on the new position within the Borough of Rumson, Communications and Recreation Coordinator. He said applications are currently being accepted and would hope this person is up and running by the fall. Kevin explained the details of the job posting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Kevin Delia explained the spring sports programs are moving on as scheduled but many events have been rescheduled due to rain outs.

- Kevin Delia provided the Recreation Commissioners with an update on how low the registrations are with the Summer Hoops programs. A conversation continued on the other basketball programs that exist in the area and why children might be drawn elsewhere.
- Kevin Delia provided the Recreation Commissioners with the cover letters and the applications for the rec soccer and the flag football referees. He asked if anyone had any suggestions for changes before the applications were posted and sent out on June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Kevin Delia asked the Recreation Commissioners to set the fees for the fall 2019 recreation programs. He provided the fees from last year and explained any shortcomings we had from the previous year. The Recreation Commissioners suggested increasing the registration fees for flag football this year to help with maintaining the fields due to the field abuse by flag football. They didn't want to raise soccer this year due to an increase for last fall. It was suggested to provide a moisture wicking jersey for flag football. Adam Cavise made a motion to increase only the flag football registration fees by \$10 for each division for the fall of 2019. Margot O'Connor seconded the motion. All in favor.
- Kevin Delia asked that the Recreation Commission decide on a strict deadline for registrations for recreation programs. He said that he would like to establish a deadline of the day of the coaches meeting for each program. He went on to say he doesn't want to punish the kids because the parents have failed to register them in time. Kevin said he is also concerned about adding more kids to teams and creating unmanageable rosters for coaches due to late registrations. The Recreation Commissioner suggested maintaining a wait list period from the coaches meeting date to the first week of the season. It was also suggested to communicate to the community the dates of the coaches meeting dates, so the parents register the kids prior to the draft which allows for the creation of additional teams and modifying the schedule if need be. Kevin said then he can get help from the coaches, commissioners and coordinators to help place kids after the original rosters are put together. All the Recreation Commissioners agreed to handle the process as Kevin suggested.
- Adam Cavise updated the Recreation Commissioners on the baseball parade and how well it went this year. He went to say most things have been good with travel baseball as well.
- Mike Cecil provided an update on Mid-Monmouth Basketball details for the upcoming season. He said the tryouts for the older teams will be held during June as they usually have been.
- Kevin Delia explained to the Recreation Commissioners about a situation that occurred with one of the travel soccer team tryouts. He said that a sitting coaches' child did not qualify based on the evaluations to be offered a spot on the team. Kevin went on to explain the fall out of the situation and asked how it should be handled if this situation occurred again in the future. It was suggested to allow for a sitting coach to have some input on the roster creation based on knowledge of the players. It was suggested to look at the team selection process for travel programs and how sitting coaches are allowed input on roster creation after tryouts at the next meeting.
- The Recreation Commissioners asked that Kevin Delia look into the policy regarding tuition paying students in Rumson being allowed to participate in the recreation programs

in town. It was added that it be looked into if borough and school employees can be allowed to participate.

- The Recreation Commissioners asked that we look into creating an outline of how travel teams should be managed and how communications should be handled prior to the season. It was suggested that all teams across all travel programs are managed similarly.

**PERSONNEL ISSUES (closed session)**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (closed session)**

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**MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:02pm**

Margot O'Connor made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jon Levine. All in favor.

Minutes submitted by: Kevin Delia